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Title: **Analytical Method and Apparatus For Blood Using
Near Infrared Spectroscopy**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-A

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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified new application (filed concurrently herewith), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the specification as indicated on the appended pages (including clean replacement pages and hand-marked up copies of the original text showing the changes).

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please revise the abstract as indicated on the appended pages (including a clean replacement page and a hand-marked up copy of the original text showing the changes).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend original claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-13 as indicated on the appended pages (including clean replacement pages and hand-marked up copies of the original text showing the changes).

REMARKS

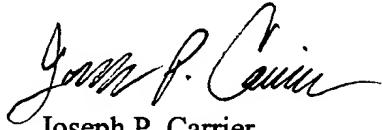
The present preliminary amendment is being voluntarily submitted prior to examination in order to correct minor grammatical errors in the specification, claims and abstract, to include more

proper idiomatic form, and to present new claims 9-13. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

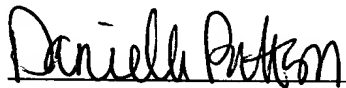
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